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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Services and Support Group, NPIC

THROUGH: Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group
Chief, Eastern Geographic Division

SUBJECT: Binary Annotation System (BAS) on [REDACTED] Photography

REFERENCE: NPIC Project No. 250389

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1. The Southeast Asia Branch has exploited thousands of low and medium level reconnaissance missions which image a Binary Annotation System (BAS) or code block on the film and the Branch has seldom had to use the system. However, there are many circumstances in which a data block of some type would be extremely useful as a time saving device.

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2. Because the Southeast Asia Branch has been exploiting photography over Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand for several years and has developed a very intimate knowledge of targets and terrain features, it is believed that the installation of such a system in the [REDACTED] program is unnecessary as long as it continues to be programmed against these countries. If a situation were to arise, which would require an overflight of another more unfamiliar country, a data block would be very desirable.

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3. The type of information most used by the photo interpreter in order of frequency are the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Any system developed should make these items immediately available. The system, which now uses dots in a small block on the film, is less desirable than a direct printout of the information, but is better than nothing at all. The most desirable method of displaying [REDACTED] is best seen on [REDACTED] photography; however, the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The current [REDACTED] display on [REDACTED] photography is satisfactory. Neither of the two systems record [REDACTED] on the film.

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4. The photo interpreter does not perform precise computer mensuration from the imagery and any further information on this subject is best presented by TSSG.

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